

12 June 2009

Dear Parents

I am sure that you share my delight in the success of our pupils at the East of England Athletics Championships. In particular, I would like to congratulate Findlay Thompson and Abigail Callaghan on their special successes-more information below.

Despite a few showers this week, the weather throughout this half of term has been good enough to allow the children to have plenty of 'grass breaks'. Considering the proximity of the school to central Cambridge, we are really lucky to be able to offer our pupils such wonderful opportunities to enjoy good outdoor play. Nothing beats seeing the enjoyment on the faces of children as they run around on grass.



Rehearsals are well underway for the West Road Concert, and thank you for all your co-operation with transport arrangements – it has helped us enormously.

In the next few days you will receive an important mailing from me about arrangements and transport for September. I would be grateful if you could find a moment to read all the information thoroughly.

All good wishes for the weekend and I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday evening.

West Road

On Tuesday 16th June children should be collected at 1.45pm. Any parents wishing to collect children at the earlier time of 12.35pm may do so but must inform school in advance and sign out on the day with Mrs Tully at Reception. Could we also remind parents that children should be dropped at West Road between 8.15 and 8.30am on Monday June 15th as there will be no member of Staff at the concert hall until this time. Other than pupils using the morning minibus service and those who have already spoken to Mrs Tully could all pupils be taken directly to West Road on Monday morning and NOT dropped at school.



Tickets

Concert tickets will be sent home via pupils on Monday. Unfortunately, due to space available and the popularity of this event, we have only been able to allocate two tickets per family. Due to Health and Safety regulations children are not allowed on knees and other than Y6 parents, there will be free seating. The doors to the auditorium will open at 6.40pm and the Bar will be open from 6pm.

Minibuses Tuesday 16th June

Minibus services to both the Trumpington P&R and station will leave the Prep at 1.45pm on Tuesday 16th June. Please notify the school if your child normally uses the minibus service but will not be doing so on this day.



East of England Athletics Championships

27 schools took part in this year's championships at the university track in Cambridge. The year 5 athletes found the standard very high and although they tried hard none reached the final.

The Year 4 athletes were more successful, with Alastair Minshall making the hurdles final where he finished 6th.



Laura Dementiev reached the 100 metres final and finished 5th. Abigail Callaghan ran excellently to finish third in the 75 metres.

Findlay Thompson was 3rd in the Long Jump and ran an excellent 100 metres to win the title.

Well done to all who took part in what was a very long afternoon.



HOUSE ROUNDERS TOURNAMENT

Yesterday all the girls had their first house tournament in rounders, despite the ever threatening rain clouds! All the girls took part and there were some excellent examples of bowling, batting, fielding and team work – as well as lots of high spirits! The final results were: Corinthians first, Foresters second and Barbarians third. However Barbarians were unfortunate to be batting against a particularly strong Foresters fielding team! Congratulations to all!!



Congratulations

Kassim Mughal, Ceri Richardson and Oscar Jeanroy have been awarded Silver House Point certificates. Gold House Point certificates have been awarded to **Max Livesey, Freya Sutcliffe, Adam Tye and Lewis Jenkins. Flynn Cray, Oscar Kaldor, Soo Yeon Kim, Maya Ramsey and Joseph Tidy** have been awarded Platinum House Point certificates. Well done all! Certificates to be presented at next week's assembly.



Yours sincerely



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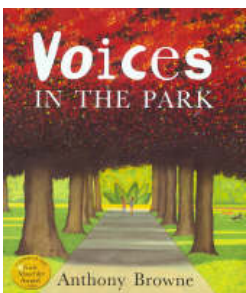
Anthony Browne

'It's an honour to be the Children's Laureate for 2009-11. I'm well aware of the amazing things achieved by the five previous Laureates, and I'm in awe of their commitment and hard work.'

'Picture books are special - they're not like anything else. Sometimes I hear parents encouraging their children to read what they call proper books (books without pictures), at an earlier and earlier age. This makes me sad, as picture books are perfect for sharing, and not just with the youngest children. As a father, I understand the importance of the bond that develops through reading picture books with your child.'



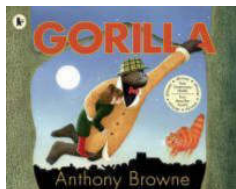
Willy was lonely.



'We have in Britain some of the best picture book makers in the world, and I want to see their books appreciated for what they are - works of art.'

'I hope to encourage more children to discover and love reading, but I want to focus particularly on the appreciation of picture books, and the reading of both pictures and words. Picture books are for everybody at any age, not books to be left behind as we grow older. The best ones leave a tantalising gap between the pictures and the words, a gap that is filled by the reader's imagination, adding so much to the excitement of reading a book.'

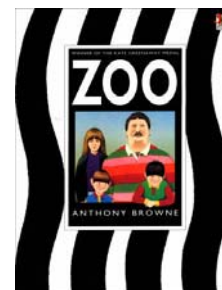
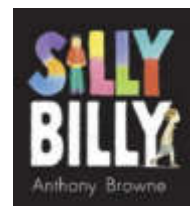
Anthony Browne is no stranger to the Kate Greenaway Medal - he has won it twice:



In 1984 for *Gorilla*

And in 1993 for *Zoo*

Other titles by Anthony have been shortlisted for the award - last year



Silly Billy was a contender. His stories and illustrations are full of perceptive observations of people, feelings and social issues.

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Claudia R Alpha, Perse Preparatory School
Airman

The moment I started this book I knew I had made a good choice. It tells the story of Coner Broekhart and his dreams to fly. His life changes though when he is thrown into a prison cell for a crime he didn't commit. This truly is a stunning book.



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